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Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY ITLIONG

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Larry Itliong and to celebrate Larry Itliong Day on October 27, 2018 in California's 44th Congressional District.

Whereas on October 25, 1913, Larry Itliong was born into a family of six children in Pangasinan Province of the Philippines;

Whereas at the age of 14, Larry Itliong immigrated to the United States and became a farmworker who would travel between Alaska, Washington, Montana, South Dakota, and California;

Whereas Larry Itliong led the Agricultural Worker Organizing Committee and organized 1,500 Filipinos to strike against grape growers in the Central Valley, in what became the famous Delano Grape Strike, which lasted for more than 5 years;

Whereas in 1965, Larry Itliong and the Filipino workers joined forces with César Chávez's National Farm Workers Association and merged into the United Farm Workers;

Whereas Larry Itliong, also known as Seven Fingers, has been described as one of the fathers of the West Coast Labor movement;

Whereas the City of Carson became the first city in the United States to recognize Larry Itliong Day; and

Now therefore, I declare and hereby recognize the date of October 27, 2018 to be Larry Itliong Day in Carson, California, marking the 4th annual celebration of this remarkable man.

HONORING GROUNDWORK HUDSON VALLEY SCIENCE BARGE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Yonkers waterfront is a remarkable natural resource for our community, and for 10 years now Groundwork Hudson Valley has made incredible use of it with their Science Barge.

The Science Barge is a prototype sustainable urban farm developed by NY Sun Works and acquired by Groundwork Hudson Valley in October, 2008. Since then, it has been operated as an environmental education center. The Science Barge greenhouse, floating on the Hudson River, grows an abundance of fresh produce including tomatoes, melons,

peppers, eggplant, and lettuce with zero net carbon emissions, zero pesticides, and zero runoff. All of the energy needed to power the Barge is generated by solar panels, wind turbines, and biofuels while the hydroponic greenhouse is irrigated solely by collected rainwater and purified river water, thus operating completely "off the grid." It is the only fully functioning demonstration of renewable energy supporting sustainable food production in New York. The Science Barge is open for weekday educational programs and field trips for schools, camps, and other groups from mid-April through the beginning of November.

Mr. Speaker, our planet is changing. Climate change is real and having a profound impact already. We need more initiatives like the Science Barge to help us learn and adapt to these changes, while simultaneously teaching us about sustainability. I'm proud to have the Science Barge in my district and I congratulate the entire Groundwork team on 10 terrific years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote numbers 409, 410, 411, and 412 on September 27, 2018, due to recent surgery. I would like to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote number 409, I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote number 410, I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote number 411, I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote number 412, I would have voted NO.

HONORING THE CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Child Care Council of Westchester as it hosts its 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 18, 2018.

The Child Care Council of Westchester promotes quality child care and education to support the healthy development of children and families. For children, the Council is a safe space to learn and grow. For parents, the Council eases the financial burden of child care by providing high quality, affordable child care for working families. For child care professionals, the Council acts as an information hub on running a business, providing quality care, and meeting legal obligations. Finally, for Westchester employers, the Council provides parents with resources and referrals to have successful employment and careers.

The Child Care Council's continued success in Westchester can be largely attributed to its Executive Director Kathy Halas. Since 2003, Ms. Halas has led the Council as it advocates for the importance of healthy childhood development and quality child care. Ms. Halas' unwavering activism is an inspiration to us all

and can be credited with the care of countless children throughout Westchester County and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have worked alongside Kathy Halas and the Child Care Services of Westchester to support quality early care and education for all children. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this incredible organization and applauding its 50 years of service to Westchester County as it celebrates this golden anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO NOVA AND LESTER LEIGHTON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Nova and Lester Leighton of Griswold, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 75th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 22, 1943 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Nova and Lester's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 75th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 75th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DONALD PANOSZ

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of an extraordinary man and fellow Northeast Georgian, Mr. Donald E. Panos.

Mr. Panos, the son of immigrants from Avezzano, Italy, was born on February 13, 1935. While attending Greenbrier Military Academy, he met his wife Nancy, and both went on to serve in the U.S. Army.

After his service, Mr. Panos established many businesses in and around Georgia's 9th Congressional District. Some of these include Elan Pharmaceuticals in Gainesville, Château Elan Winery & Resort in Braselton, and Panos LLC in Hoschton. Panos also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for NanoLumens in Norcross.

However, Mr. Panos will be most remembered for founding the American Le Mans Series—which brought European-style endurance sports car racing to America—and Milan Pharmaceuticals, which developed the method of delivering medicine through transdermal technology.

Mr. Panos passed away on September 11, 2018 after a battle with cancer. As we remember his legacy, I join others in thanking him for his military service and recognizing his entrepreneurial spirit and success.